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No. 8

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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 8—Relative to the Older Americans Act of 1965.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AJR 8, as amended, Brown. Older Americans Act of 1965.

This measure would recognize the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act of 1965, affirm the Legislature's continuing support for the goals of the act, and memorialize the United States House of Representatives and United States Senate to reauthorize the act.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 50th anniversary of the enactment
2 of the Older Americans Act of 1965; and

3 WHEREAS, During the past 50 years, the implementation of
4 the Older Americans Act of 1965 has contributed to the economic
5 well-being of millions of older Americans, and has improved the
6 quality of life for those individuals; and

7 WHEREAS, One of the key elements contributing to the
8 successful implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965
9 has been the establishment of an aging network composed of local
10 area agencies on aging, providers of congregate and home-delivered
11 nutrition, and many other community service providers; and

12 WHEREAS, The federal Administration on Aging in the United
13 States Department of Health and Human Services was created by
14 the Older Americans Act of 1965, and has been empowered to act
15 as an effective advocate for the concerns and needs of older
16 individuals; and

17 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act of 1965 serves as a
18 model for the development of community-based services, including
19 services that provide alternatives to the institutionalization of older
20 individuals; and

21 WHEREAS, Some of the programs authorized under the Older
22 Americans Act of 1965 were created to address the specific
23 concerns of those older Americans with the greatest social and
24 economic needs, especially minority older Americans; and

25 WHEREAS, Many services under the Older Americans Act of
26 1965, including long-term care ombudsman and legal services
27 providers, have acted as powerful advocates for older individuals;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act of 1965 has brought
30 together thousands of dedicated professionals and volunteers and
31 has provided inspiration to those individuals; and

32 WHEREAS, Services authorized under the Older Americans
33 Act of 1965 have provided important part-time community service
34 employment opportunities for low-income older individuals; and

35 WHEREAS, Many older individuals, and those who serve them,
36 have benefited greatly from the research, training, and education
37 that programs established under the Older Americans Act of 1965
38 have provided; and

1 WHEREAS, Some of the programs under the Older Americans
2 Act of 1965 were designed to address the special needs of older
3 Native Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognition of the changing needs of a rapidly
5 aging society, the Older Americans Act of 1965 has been
6 periodically amended; and

7 WHEREAS, The Older Americans Act of 1965 served as the
8 foundation for an effective human services policy for millions of
9 Americans as the United States entered the 21st century; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California and the*
12 *Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature
13 recognizes the 50th anniversary of the enactment of the Older
14 Americans Act of 1965, and the successful implementation of that
15 act; and be it further

16 *Resolved,* That the Legislature applauds the many and varied
17 contributions at all levels of the aging network fostered by the
18 Older Americans Act of 1965; and be it further

19 *Resolved,* That the Legislature affirms support for the Older
20 Americans Act of 1965, and the primary goals of that act of
21 providing services to maintain the dignity of older Californians,
22 and promoting the independence of those individuals; and be it
23 further

24 *Resolved,* That the Legislature memorializes the United States
25 House of Representatives and the United States Senate to
26 reauthorize the Older Americans Act of 1965 forthwith, with
27 adequate funding to reflect the growing populations of Americans
28 who benefit from the act's programs and services; and be it further

29 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
30 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
31 States, to the Speaker of the United States House of
32 Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate,
33 and to each Senator and Representative from the State of California
34 in the Congress of the United States.